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1 if we have to put percentages on it --

2 Q. (Mr. Caputo) well, we don't have to.

3 A. I don't know that I can put percentages on it. I
4 know that given the information that we have now,
5 the starter is a -- to me, a significant
6 possibility that I cannot exclude.

7 Q. Right, but I'm not asking you to exclude it. I'm
8 asking you based on the evidence you have now, is
9 the failed hose a more likely cause of the fire
10 than anything associated with the starter?

11 MR. HORTON: Object to the form again.

12 THE WITNESS: If a failed hose, yes.

13 Q. (Mr. Caputo) what about this failed hose that you
14 saw?

15 A. well, we also know that we have preexisting leaks,
16 and I don't think you can categorically exclude
17 that the hydraulic fluid out of this hose is the
18 first thing to ignite more so than the potential
19 leak of another hose.

20 Q. well, let's -- That's fine and we can talk about
21 other alleged leaks, but the failed hose that you
22 saw, based on the evidence today, is that hose a
23 more likely cause of the fire than anything
24 associated with the starter?

